ICC intercounty connector

MARYLAND **200**

Maryland's
Intercounty Connector

CONNECTING
YOU TO MORE
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SAFETY
TIME SAVINGS
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FASTER
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Transit Connections

Reliable Travel Time

Connectivity

convenient

Dear Citizen:

It is with great pleasure that I share with you information on a long-awaited transportation project – the Intercounty Connector (ICC).

Managing congestion, forecasting traffic and finding a balance between our quality of life and the future of our environment – these are challenges that have grown steadily over time. The State invested years of planning and engineering to develop a progressive project with an unparalleled environmental component. The ICC (also known as MD 200) is the State's first all-electronic toll road that creates a new east-west route between the I-270 and the I-95/US 1 corridors within Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The ICC has sweeping economic benefits, including shorter commutes, improved access to BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport for both freight and passengers, and greater access to affordable housing and jobs. It will provide safer travel for communities long overburdened with cross-county traffic on their local roads.

The ICC will keep us moving, quite literally, toward a Smart, Green and Growing future for our One Maryland. I am energized about what the ICC will do for Maryland and, most importantly, for each Marylander who uses it.

Looking forward to seeing you on the ICC!

Martin O'Malley
Governor

WHAT IS THE ICC?

The Intercounty Connector (ICC) is a six-lane, toll highway that connects I-270 at I-370 in eastern Montgomery County to I-95 in northwestern Prince George's County. As the State's eighth toll facility, the ICC is a state of the art highway with seven entry/exit points, providing a safer travel alternative to overcrowded local roads.

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) owns and operates the ICC and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) managed the design and construction of the $2.5 billion project.

WHEN DID THE ICC OPEN?

The first segment of the ICC from I-370 at Shady Grove to Georgia Avenue (MD 97) in Rockville/Olney opened in early 2011. The second segment from Georgia Avenue to I-95 at Laurel opened in November 2011. Final elements of the project on the east side, as well as dozens of environmental mitigation and stewardship projects, will continue.

Maryland's New Highway –
MORE THAN JUST A ROAD

WHY A TOLL ROAD?

The purpose of the ICC is to help deliver dependable travel times with a relatively congestion-free highway. To accomplish this goal, tolls will vary to help manage the amount of traffic with a higher toll charged during the peak morning and afternoon rush hours and a lower toll charged during off-peak and overnight hours.

Tolling also provides funds for financing, operating and maintaining a large transportation project like the ICC. Without tolling, the ICC could not have been built. Conventional transportation funding was insufficient to build the ICC.

How Does Tolling Work
ON THE ICC?

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO USE THE ICC?

The MDTA Board established a formal tolling plan for what toll rates can be charged to those using the ICC. While the ICC is a variably priced toll facility to help manage congestion on the highway, the tolls charged must fall within the ranges established in the plan and outlined in the chart below:

PRICING PERIODS	APPROVED MILEAGE-RATE RANGES (two-axle vehicles)
Peak Period Mon – Fri: 6 – 9am; 4 - 7pm (excluding federal holidays)	$0.25/mile – $0.35/mile
Off-Peak Period Mon – Fri: 5 – 6am; 9am - 4pm; 7 – 11pm Sat & Sun: 5am – 11pm	$0.20/mile – $0.30/mile
Overnight Period Daily 11pm – 5am	$0.10/mile – $0.30/mile

Currently, toll rates are set at the lowest end of the ranges. To travel the ICC from I-370 to I-95 (which is 16 miles), drivers of cars and light trucks with *E-ZPass* will pay $4 during Peak hours, $3.20 Off-Peak and $1.60 Overnight. To download a two-axle vehicle rate card, visit mdta.maryland.gov.

TRAVEL TIME TO
SHADY GROVE ROAD · 17 MINUTES

TRUCKING ON THE ICC

If you move goods across the Baltimore-Washington region, the ICC will work for you.

From industry suppliers to owner-operators, from movers to intermodal carriers, from delivery trucks to dump trucks, the ICC can help you get there faster.

With no stop lights or toll plazas on the ICC, truckers will have a safer and more efficient travel option to local roads. With generally free-flowing traffic, the ICC will not only save the trucking community significant time, but will provide reliable travel for on-time pick-ups and deliveries. With these time savings and greater efficiencies, companies will have the opportunity to better serve their existing customers and increase their customer base. Trucks will spend less time idling in stop-and-go traffic on local roads – decreasing fuel usage/spending and carbon emissions and enhancing safety for all.

Using the per-mile toll rates, currently set at the lowest end of the rate ranges, five-axle vehicles with *E-ZPass* traveling the ICC from I-370 to I-95 will pay a maximum toll of $24. Visit mdta.maryland.gov to download rate cards for three-, four-, five- and six+-axle vehicles. Open an *E-ZPass* account and let the ICC work for you.

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CAN ICC TOLL RATES CHANGE?

Since the ICC is a variably priced toll facility, the toll rates vary by time of day and day of the week. While the MDTA continuously monitors traffic volumes on the ICC, toll rates do not change minute by minute in response to real-time traffic volumes on the highway. To manage travel demand and congestion and to help meet revenue needs, ICC toll rates will be reviewed periodically and may be changed within the approved tolling plan by providing at least 10 days notice to the public. Changes to the overall tolling plan require a 60-day public comment period.

HOW DO I PAY TO USE THE ICC?

Since there are no toll plazas on the ICC, tolls cannot be paid in cash on the highway. Tolls are paid electronically at highway speeds using *E-ZPass* or video tolling as vehicles pass underneath tolling structures. All-electronic tolling on the ICC helps to maintain free-flowing traffic conditions and improves air quality by eliminating stop-and-go traffic at toll plazas.

How Is The ICC
DIFFERENT?

WHAT IS *E-ZPASS* AND HOW DO I GET ONE?

E-ZPass® is an electronic toll collection system used at toll facilities in the Northeastern United States and in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. With *E-ZPass*, drivers set up a pre-paid account and place a small plastic device called a transponder on the inside of their vehicles' windshields. Their tolls are automatically deducted from their accounts when they travel beneath special tolling structures with the transponder in their vehicles. Tolls can be pre-paid by cash, check or credit card.

To get *E-ZPass* or for a list of *E-ZPass* "On the Go" retail locations, including local Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offices in Gaithersburg (15 Metropolitan Grove Road) and Beltsville (11760 Baltimore Avenue), visit www.ezpassmd.com. *E-ZPass* Stop-in Centers are also located near all Maryland toll facilities.

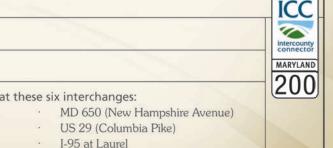*E-ZPASS* MARYLAND CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER 1-888-321-6824

Shady Grove Rd.

Frederick

Gaithersburg

Derwood

115

97

Olney

Georgi[...]

270

370

200

EMORY LA.

SHADY GROVE RD.

NEEDWOOD RD.

MUNCASTER MILL RD.

355

115

NORBECK RD.

97

Norbeck

28

GEORGIA AVE.

LAYHILL RD.

270

28

182

Rockville

Layhill Rd.

Wheaton

Bethesda

495

LEGEND

▬▬▬	Untolled roadway.
▬▬▬	Future extension.
●	Drivers can exit and enter the ICC/MD 200 [...] · I-370 at Shady Grove · MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) · MD 182 (Layhill Road)
○	Briggs Chaney Road: Drivers can access east[...] Chaney Road may only be accessed from west[...]

Columbia

HOWARD COUNTY

BWI THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT

Ashton

Fort Meade

32

a Ave.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

198

Burtonsville

Cloverly

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE.

New Hampshire Ave.

Briggs Chaney Rd.

650

BRIGGS CHANEY RD.

29

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

OLD GUNPOWDER RD.

95

Colesville

200

FAIRLAND RD.

VAN DUSEN RD.

Laurel

1

RANDOLPH RD.

Fairland

650

CHERRY HILL RD.

95

Columbia Pike

1

I-95

Beltsville

495

College Park

Silver Spring

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at these six interchanges:

· MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue)
· US 29 (Columbia Pike)
· I-95 at Laurel

bound ICC from Briggs Chaney Road. Briggs
bound ICC.

CAN I USE THE ICC WITHOUT AN *E-ZPASS*?

Video tolling is an alternative to *E-ZPass*, but is not recommended for frequent travelers. ICC motorists who do not have an *E-ZPass* will be sent a bill in the mail and charged the Video Toll Rate (VTR). VTRs at all Maryland toll facilities are 150% of the base toll rates with a minimum of $1/maximum of $15 above the base toll rate.

WHY IS THERE A SURCHARGE IF I DON'T HAVE AN *E-ZPASS* ACCOUNT?

The cost to the MDTA to collect video tolls is significantly higher than the cost to collect tolls via *E-ZPass*. The VTR helps recover those costs and is applied at all Maryland toll facilities anytime someone uses a toll facility without valid payment, and a Notice of Toll Due statement is generated. The video surcharge helps offset the cost of looking up the information, printing and mailing the statement, and any subsequent actions needed to recover the toll.

HOW IS THE ICC DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MARYLAND TOLL FACILITIES?

The ICC is different from other toll facilities in Maryland because it is a variably priced toll facility with higher tolls during peak-travel times (Monday – Friday, 6 – 9 a.m. and 4 – 7 p.m.) and reduced tolls when traffic volumes are lower. Toll rates at the State's seven other facilities do not change based on time of day or day of the week.

WHERE CAN I GET ON AND OFF THE ICC?

Drivers can enter and exit the ICC at seven interchanges at the following locations:

- I-370 at Shady Grove

- MD 97 (Georgia Avenue)

- MD 182 (Layhill Road)

- MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue)

- US 29 (Columbia Pike)

- Briggs Chaney Road. *(Drivers can access eastbound ICC from Briggs Chaney Road. However, Briggs Chaney Road may only be accessed from westbound ICC.)*

- I-95 at Laurel

HOW MUCH TIME WILL I SAVE IF I TRAVEL THE ICC?

Travel on the ICC saves users valuable time versus existing travel options on the local road network. A trip from Gaithersburg to Leisure World (near the intersection of Georgia Ave. and MD 28) via local roads takes up to 23 minutes during the morning rush hour. Typically, a driver would use Shady Grove Road, Muncaster Mill Road and Norbeck Road for the trip. Using the ICC, a driver can travel the same distance in approximately 7 minutes, a 16-minute time savings – or 70 percent less time.

BWI THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT

Catching a late afternoon flight out of BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport from the Shady Grove Metro Station takes more than 70 minutes using the local roadway network. Using the ICC, the trip takes 37 minutes – nearly a 50 percent time savings. Getting to work along the I-270 Technology Corridor is easier for Prince George's County residents traveling the ICC.

SAMPLE TIME SAVINGS

ROUTE	TRAVEL TIME		TIME SAVINGS	
	USING LOCAL ROADS	USING ICC/MD 200	IN MINUTES	%
Gaithersburg to Leisure World	23	7	16	70
Laurel to Gaithersburg	47	17	30	64
Gaithersburg to BWI Airport	71	37	34	48
White Oak to Gaithersburg	56	20	36	64
Laurel to Leisure World	25	13	12	48

How Does The ICC
WORK FOR ME?

A trip from Laurel to Gaithersburg that once took more than 47 minutes in the morning saves a commuter more than 30 minutes with a 17-minute trip on the ICC.

HOW DOES THE ICC IMPROVE SAFETY?

The ICC helps relieve traffic clogged local roads, making them safer for commuters, residents and business people by preventing a projected 350 crashes annually. The ICC improves traffic flow and reduces traffic congestion on local roads at more than 51 key intersections.

HOW DOES TRANSIT WORK ON THE ICC?

The ICC improves transit service along its 16-mile east-west corridor. The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) operates high-quality, tour-style commuter buses along express routes linking key employment and activity centers along the I-270 and I-95 corridors. Two routes operate between:

- The Gaithersburg Park and Ride lot located at I-270 and MD 124 in Montgomery County and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, offering connections to the Metro Rail Red Line at Shady Grove and the MARC Penn Line at the BWI/Amtrak Station;

- The Gaithersburg Park and Ride lot and Fort Meade with connections to the Metro Rail Red Line at Shady Grove and the MARC Camden Line at the Savage Station. This route serves NSA and Fort Meade employees, as more jobs come to the area for the Base Realignment and Closure initiative by the U.S. Government.

Beginning January 2012, MTA will operate additional routes:

- **Columbia to Bethesda**
  Roundtrips from Columbia to Bethesda with connections at the Columbia Town Center, Snowden River, Scaggsville, Burtonsville and Georgia Avenue Park & Ride lots, and the Medical Center Metro.

- **Frederick to College Park**
  Roundtrips from Frederick to College Park with connections at the Monocacy MARC Station, Urbana, Gaithersburg and Georgia Avenue Park & Ride lots, Federal Drug Administration (FDA), University of Maryland College Park, and the College Park Metro / MARC Station.

- **College Park to Germantown**
  Roundtrips from College Park to Germantown with connections at the College Park Metro / MARC Station, Muirkirk MARC Station, Georgia Avenue Park & Ride lots, Shady Grove Metro Station, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Life Sciences Center, Human Genome, NIST, and the Germantown Transit Center.

For more transit and ride sharing information contact www.commuterconnections.org and mtaiccbus.com

Does The ICC Support
MARYLAND JOBS?

According to a University of Maryland study, the ICC will support the development of approximately 14,000 jobs in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. It also will enhance the region's ability to attract and retain businesses and jobs, making as many as 156,000 jobs reachable within a 45 minute commute.

Get Your E-ZPass® Today

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Pre-paid tolls
- No waiting at the toll plaza
- Reduced emissions
- Accepted from Maryland to Illinois and Virginia to Maine

WHAT IT COSTS:

There is a nominal one-time transponder fee and a $25 pre-paid toll balance from which your tolls are deducted. If you used your *E-ZPass* three or more times at Maryland toll facilities in the previous month, the monthly $1.50 account maintenance fee will be waived.
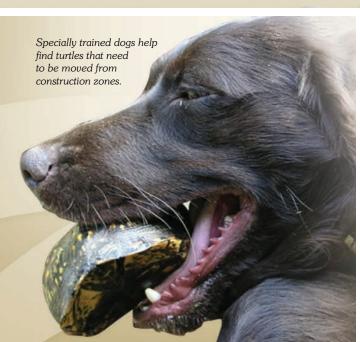
For more information visit ezpassmd.com or call 1-888-321-6824

Protecting The
ENVIRONMENT

HOW DO YOU BUILD A ROAD AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?

The ICC is one of the greenest highways ever built, not only in Maryland, but across the nation. Protecting the natural environment is a key priority and SHA has set a new standard by going beyond compensating for the ICC's unavoidable impacts. Approximately $370 million, more than 15 percent of the project cost, is invested to not just mitigate environmental impact, but also to protect and enhance the natural and human environments.

Maryland's commitment to the environment is embedded in the ICC project, which includes longer bridges over sensitive streams, sound walls, 26 wildlife passages and innovative storm water improvements. Environmental stewardship is setting a new standard by going beyond the mitigation required by federal law.

Specially trained dogs help find turtles that need to be moved from construction zones.

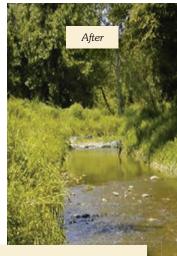## HOW DOES MY COMMUNITY CONTACT THE ICC PROJECT TEAM?

The ICC Project Team is committed to providing pro-active community outreach and two-way communication. To learn more about the ICC please contact a member of our team.

For statewide travel information call 511 or visit www.md511.org

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Before

After

The environmental benefits are apparent in these before and after photos of a stream's restoration.

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